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1) Applicant's response filed 6/2/2006 are acknowledged and entered. Applicant elected Group II (Claims 12-22 and 41-44) with traverse, which will be address in the First Office Action on the merit.

2) The reply filed on 6/2/2006 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

Applicant's elected the following species: a) inhibiting enzyme activity of claim 14 as the species of 'type' of DNA methyltransferase activity b) the species 'helicobacter' described in claim 21 as an example of a gram-negative bacterium as described in claim 20 as the species of microbe. However, applicant did not provide "identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention" as required in paragraph 10 of the Office action mailed 2/24/2006. Accordingly, this species election is incomplete, and the response filed 4/20/2006 is considered not fully responsive to the prior Office Action mailed 2/24/2006. See 37 CFR 1.111.

3) Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

4) Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to My-Chau T. Tran whose telephone number is 571-272-0810. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday: 8:00-2:30; Tuesday-Thursday: 7:30-5:00; Friday: 8:00-3:30. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Paras, Jr., can be reached on 571-272-4517. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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